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**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 2, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 4, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 15, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 4, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 4, line 3 and ends on page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention will now be described and explained in greater detail on the basis of various examples of embodiments, with reference to the accompanying drawing, the figures of which show as follows:

Fig. ~~[[1aa]] 1a~~<sup>1a</sup> schematic overall view of a fill level measuring device mounted on a first container and having an orienting mechanism of the invention;

Fig. ~~[[1ba]] 1b~~<sup>1b</sup> schematic overall view of a fill level measuring device mounted on a second container and having an orienting mechanism of the invention;

Fig. ~~2a~~<sup>2a</sup> schematic, perspective, side view of a microwave fill level measuring

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device having a first preferred form of embodiment of the orienting mechanism of the invention, with partially sectioned orienting mechanism and different antennas;

Fig. 3a~~a~~ perspective, side view of a microwave fill level measuring device having an orienting mechanism of Fig. 2 and a parabolic antenna;

Fig. 3b~~a~~ perspective, side view of a microwave fill level measuring device having an orienting mechanism of Fig. 2 and a rod antenna;

Fig. 3c~~a~~ perspective, side view of a microwave fill level measuring device having an orienting mechanism of Fig. 2 and a horn antenna;

Fig. 3d~~a~~ perspective, side view of a microwave fill level measuring device having an orienting mechanism of Fig. 2 and a planar antenna;

Fig. 4~~a~~ schematic, perspective, side view of a fill level measuring device having a second form of embodiment of the orienting mechanism of the invention and other measuring means;

Fig. [[5aa]] 5a~~a~~ perspective, side view of a microwave fill level measuring device having an orienting mechanism of Fig. 3a, which is mounted on a cover of a manhole of a container; and

Fig. [[5ba]] 5b~~a~~ perspective, side view of a microwave fill level measuring device having an orienting mechanism of Fig. 5a, with the cover of the manhole in the open position.

On page 5, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 9, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS